

## **DOH-EPA Conference Call for Water Programs Workshops**

**March 20, 2014**

### **Meeting notes**

#### Participants:

DOH: Alec Wong, Matt Kurano, Scott Murakawa, Mike Burke, Randee Tubal, Allison Nunnally, Reef Migita, Kris Poentis, Greg Takeshima, Lori Sun

EPA: Tina Yin, Ellen Blake, Kate Rao, Elizabeth Sablad, Janet Hashimoto, Sara Roser, Sam Ziegler, Greg Gholson, David Wampler

#### **Action items due to entire group by Thursday, April 3rd.**

1. Agreed upon meeting dates: June 3, 4, and 5 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)  
**Action Item: EPA R9 will identify potential site visits for June 6th and share with DOH**
2. DOH will reserve meeting space within their building (5th floor is target); Lori Sun will coordinate the meeting and will likely facilitate but final decision will be made as agendas come together; Kate Rao could facilitate Day 2 and Day 3 sessions
3. Workshop participants identified
  - a. DOH: as many CWB staff as possible and include neighbor island CWB staff; representatives from Safe Drinking Water Branch and Wastewater Branch will be encouraged to participate (e.g., program overview & case study, results/evaluation/monitoring, etc)
  - b. EPA: Tina Yin, Kate Rao, Elizabeth Sablad, Janet Hashimoto, Sara Roser, Greg Gholson(?), Ellen Blake(?); ? to confirm travel approval**Action Item: EPA and Clean Water Branch to discuss with Safe Drinking Water and Wastewater branches**
4. Discussion of Potential Agenda Topics
  - a. Background on individual water programs and watershed approach--using tools of the CWA and SDWA to achieve water quality improvements
  - b. Case study to "workshop" what all the pieces look like in a real world Hawaii example using examples from particular places/watersheds, etc**Action Item: Ellen Blake will draft agenda for this session and share with DOH prior to sharing with larger group.**
4. Standardized water quality assessment methodology
  - a. method should be able to evaluate impaired waters as well as evaluate receiving waters for NPDES assimilative capacity
  - b. Define decision units, number of samples required, etc
  - c. Apply water quality assessment method to evaluate receiving waters/assimilative capacity (Sand Island or Honouliuli)
  - d. Assessing 3rd party data (Hanalei)-is it reasonable to use workshop time to evaluate Surfrider data and compare to initial listing data?**ACTION ITEM: i) Randee to pull together document outlining the basics of the water quality assessment method. ii) Randee and Elizabeth will develop draft agenda for this topic, including any premeetings, webinar, etc for this discussion.**

5. TMDL/Watershed Based Plan hybridization-discuss broadly and work through details of incorporating TMDL loadings into implementation recommendations  
**ACTION ITEM: Greg Takeshima and Sara Roser to develop draft agenda for this discussion.**
6. Results, Monitoring, Evaluation: Session was revised somewhat to look at West Maui specific monitoring but also broadened to discuss the type of results we might be seeking and how to determine
  - a. Broader discussion about what type of results we are looking for with the watershed approach, the types of data and other information which can be used to determine progress
  - b. Regional Monitoring plan/approach using West Maui (perhaps) as an example.
  - c. Evaluate existing water quality impairments and established monitoring stations
  - d. Consider new wq assessment method (decision unit delineation, # samples, current assessment condition, etc)
  - e. Identify future monitoring which accommodates new assessment method, allows reassessment of impaired waters and provides a means to evaluate implementation of watershed plan
  - f. SDWB participation due to inputs from submarine groundwater discharge-- coordinate surface/groundwater monitoring**ACTION ITEM: Hudson, Scott Murakawa, and Janet to develop draft agenda**
7. EPA Enforcement staff will spend one or two days doing inspection-related training with DOH neighbor islands staff, CWB enforcement staff (newer staff) and possibly others as agenda/space allows.  
**ACTION ITEM: Greg and Matt will work to develop enforcement agenda (both day one activities in water programs overview and inspection training in field).**